

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (CANCELLED)
2. (ORIGINAL) A fuel cell device, comprising:
a case including:
a holder frame;
a first hemi-case movably attached to a first side of the holder frame; and
a second hemi-case movably attached to a second side of the holder frame
opposite to the first side, the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case being movable in
an approaching direction in which the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case
approach and a separating direction in which the first hemi-case and the second hemi-
case separate;
a fuel cell unit in the case, including a plurality of fuel cells movably arranged inside the
holder frame; and
a springy member that urges adjacent two of the fuel cells to enlarge an interval
therebetween;
wherein
when the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case are moved in the separating
direction, adjacent two of the fuel cells are moved by the springy member, thereby enlarging an
interval between adjacent two of the fuel cells.
3. (ORIGINAL) The fuel cell device as claimed in claim 2, wherein
the holder frame has a first opening that makes space between adjacent two of the fuel
cells communicate with space outside the case;
each of the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case has a second opening that makes
space between the case and the fuel cell adjacent to the case communicate with space outside
the case; and

the first opening and the second opening are sealed by the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case when the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case are moved to confront with each other, and are exposed when the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case are moved to separate from each other.

4. (ORIGINAL) The fuel cell device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the holder frame includes a fuel feeding port; and the fuel cell unit includes a flexible tube for connecting the fuel cells and the fuel feeding port.

5-9. (CANCELLED).

10. (ORIGINAL) A fuel cell case for accommodating a plurality of fuel cells, comprising:
a holder frame;
a first hemi-case movably attached to a first side of the holder frame; and
a second hemi-case movably attached to a second side of the holder frame opposite to the first side, the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case being movable in an approaching direction in which the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case approach and a separating direction in which the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case separate;
wherein
when the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case are moved in the separating direction, an interval between adjacent two of the fuel cells is enlarged.

11. (ORIGINAL) The fuel cell device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the holder frame has a first opening that makes space between adjacent two of the fuel cells communicate with space outside the case;

each of the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case has a second opening that makes space between the case and the fuel cell adjacent to the case communicate with space outside the case; and

the first opening and the second opening are sealed by the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case when the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case are moved to confront with each other, and are exposed when the first hemi-case and the second hemi-case are moved to separate from each other.